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SUBJECT: EAST JERUSALEM PRESS UPSET BY REPORTS OF PRESIDENT'S  
STATEMENTS TO GOREN

1. SUMMARY: ISRAELI VERSION OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S  
REMARKS TO GOREN REPORTED IN LOW KEY BY E.  
JERUSALEM PRESS. AL QUDS QUESTIONS AMERICAN'S  
CREDIBILITY. END SUMMARY.

2. BOTH AL QUDS (PRO-JORDANIAN AND MODERATE)  
JUNE 17 AND ASH'AB (INDEPENDENT AND NATIONALISTIC)  
JUNE 16 CARRIED FRONT-PAGE SOTIRES GIVING ISRAELI  
VERSION OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S RECENT REASSURANCES  
TO ASHKENAZI CHIEF RABBI GOREN.

3. ASH'AB'S ONE-COLUMN HEADLINE ASKS: "HAS CARTER  
BACKED OFF HIS STATEMENTS?" UNATTRIBUTED STORY  
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REPORTS CARTER EASSURED GOREN THAT HE HAS  
NEVER ENVISIONED AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE  
OR AN IMPOSED SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM.

4. AL QUDS REPORTS: "CARTER WANTS A JORDANIAN  
SOLUTION" AND, CITING ISRAELI JOURNALISTS, ALSO  
REPORTS THAT CARTER PROMISED GOREN THAT ISRAEL

WOULD NOT HAVE TO WITHDRAW TO PRE-1967 BORDERS  
AND THAT COMPENSATION WOULD BE PAID TO JEWISH  
REFUGEES AS WELL AS ARAB ONES. AL QUDS NOTED,  
HOWEVER, THAT CARTER'S RE-ASSURANCES WERE GIVEN  
PRIVATELY AND IN AN ATTEMPT TO FIND A COMMON LANGUAGE  
WITH THE LIKUD.

5. IN ITS EDITORIAL JUNE 17, AL QUDS EXPRESSES  
BEWILDERMENT AT THE ALLEGED CONTRADICTIONS IN U.S.  
POLICY. "IF CARTER'S STATEMENT TO THE ISRAELI CHIEF  
RABBI GOREN ARE TRUE, THEN THIS MEANS A GREAT BLOW  
TO THE ARABS\* CARTER WILL HAVE TAKEN EVERYTHING  
FROM THE ARABS AND GIVEN IT TO ISRAEL. HE HAS GIVEN  
THE ARABS PROMISES AND BORAD SMILES WHICH DO NOT  
REPATRIATE A SINGLE PALESTINIAN REFUGEE, NOR LIBERATE  
AN INCH OF LAND NOR RESTORE A GRAIN OF ARAB PRIDE."

6. COMMENT: RECENT STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT CARTER  
ON THE MIDDLE EAST HAVE BEEN BANNERED BY E. JERUSALEM  
PRESS IN CONTRAST TO LOW-KEY, ONE-COLUMN PLAY GIVEN  
GOREN'S STATEMENTS. UNFORTUNATELY, PRESS HAS  
ALSO BANNERED RECENT ACCOUNTS BY VARIOUS ARAB  
MEDIA, ESPECIALLY FOLLOWING PRINCE FAHD'S VISIT, WHICH  
ATTRIBUTED TO THE PRESIDENT PRO-ARAB POLICIES WELL BEYOND  
HIS OWN STATEMENTS, E.G. RESTORATION OF  
E. JERUSALEM TO THE ARABS AND AN INDEPENDENT  
PALESTINIAN STATE. WE HAVE MADE AN ATTEMPT TO  
PROVIDE MEDIA WITH OFFICIAL TEXTS OF PRESIDENT'S  
STATEMENTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE EDITORS  
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HERE TO CONSIDER CRITICALLY THEIR SOURCES.  
GOREN'S STATEMENTS PRESENT PARTICULAR PROBLEM AS  
THEY, NATURALLY ENOUGH, ARE DEVOID OF THE BALANCE  
WHICH HAS THUS FAR CHARACTERIZED ADMINISTRATIONS  
STATEMENTS. OUR IMPRESSION HERE IS THAT, WHILE  
SOUNDING INITIAL NOTES OF SKEPTICISM, LOCAL ARABIC  
PRESS HAS NOT YET DECIDED AGAINST ADMINISTRATION'S  
CREDIBILITY.  
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